June 3, 2025

Kayla Lucier
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Dear Kayla Lucier:

Re: **E.L.K. Energy Inc. - Application for 2025 Distribution Rates**
        OEB File No. EB-2024-0015

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is in receipt of E.L.K. Energy Inc.'s (E.L.K. Energy) letter, dated May 30, 2025, requesting that the proceeding be held in abeyance.

E.L.K. Energy's letter was received after OEB staff's letter dated May 13, 2025 in which OEB staff requested a suspension of procedural deadlines in this proceeding. In response to OEB staff's request, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 4 on May 16, 2025, suspending the procedural steps for two weeks to allow E.L.K. Energy time to obtain further information from Hydro One Networks Inc. on supplementary interrogatory Staff 9-b related to Accounts 1588 and 1589.

In its letter, E.L.K. Energy states that the billing system updates made in August 2020 to reflect changes to the physical system configuration did not cause the apparent underbilling of power costs to its host distributor. E.L.K. Energy noted that it is now investigating other explanations for the discrepancies in Accounts 1588 and 1589 for the years 2017 to 2019. As the investigation is ongoing, E.L.K. Energy could not commit to a date to filing investigation results, but will submit the results once they are available.

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Based on the information provided, E.L.K. Energy's application is placed in abeyance as of May 13, 2025. The OEB finds that E.L.K. Energy's request for the proceeding to be held in abeyance and OEB staff's request for a suspension of procedural deadlines are similar in nature and relate to the need for further information on balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589. The application will remain in abeyance until E.L.K. Energy files the results of its investigation.

Yours truly,

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        All parties to EB-2024-0015